

Appln. No. 10/076,542
Amendment dated October 8, 2004
Reply to Office Action mailed June 16, 2004

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is courteously requested in order to place all claims in this application in allowable condition and/or to place the non-allowed claims in better condition for consideration on appeal.

Claims 1 through 6 remain in this application. No claims have been cancelled, withdrawn, or added.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action

Claims 1 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Sheker, USPN 2,506,897.

Claims 1 through 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Salisbury, USPN 2,453,863.

Claims 1 and 5 were indicated in the Advisory Action, and have been cancelled, so the presence of these claims in the application is not an impediment to allowance.

It was indicated in the Advisory Action that the §102(b) rejection based upon Salisbury has been overcome, and the status of dependent claims 2 through 4 was indicated in the Advisory Action as being "objected to", but not "rejected". Therefore, claim 2 has been written into independent form by including the text of claim 1, and claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 2, and it is submitted that claims 2 through 4 are in condition for immediate allowance.

Allowance of claims 2 through 4 is therefore respectfully requested.

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Part 4 of the Office Action

Claim 6 has been allowed.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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